(c) to (e) The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy had sanctioned research projects in Naturopathy in 1981-82 initially for a period of three years. Fourteen institutions undertook the research work under this scheme. The institutions were giving financial assistance by the Council during 1981 to 1985. After re-constitution of the Governing Body of the Council in 1985, a Scientific Financial Advisory Committee (Naturopathy) was constituted. The proposals for grants to various Naturopathy institutions in the country were examined by the Scientific Financial Advisory Committee (Naturopathy) in March, 1986. The Committee has recommended release of grants for research to six Naturopathy institutions.

Tribal education

1263. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Education Commission 1964-66 had strongly advocated for special attention to tribal education; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken a number of steps for the educational development of Scheduled Tribes which include, *inter-alia;* Opening of educational institutions on priority basis in tribal areas, provision of incentives in the form of scholarships, free-ship, free uniforms, books and stationery, setting up of Ashram Schools and hostels, Reservation of seats in Educational institutions and provision of coaching facilities.

These measures have resulted in significant improvement in the education of Scheduled Tribes. Their literacy rate has almost doubled in the last two decades, from 8.54 per cent in 1961 to 16.35 per cent in 1981. Percentage of enrolment of Scheduled Tribes to total enrolment at primary stage has increased from 4.6 in 1967-68 to 7.1 in 1983-84. The corresponding figures of enrolment at middle stage are 2.8 and 4.2. The number of Scheduled Tribes availing postmatric scholarship has increased from 21,261 in 1967-68 to 1,19,483 in 1982-83 showing more than five-fold increase.

Over charging by autorickshaw drivers at Delhi

1264. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous exploitation of passengers by the autorickshaw and taxi drivers in Delhi overcharging, keeping fault metres, refusal to take passengers to specified destinations unless paid extra charges etc. despite various measures claimed to have been taken by the authorities concerned;

(b) whether Government are also aware that exploitation of the passengers becomes more when the fares are raised by the authorities and the autorickshaw/taxi metres are to be caliberated as per the new fares; and

(c) if so, what more stringent measures than the existing ones are being contemplated to check corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Instances of this nature have come to the notice.

(c) Delhi Administration have reported that consequent to the intensive checking, as many as 75510 and 6904 cases have been prosecuted against autorickshaws and taxies respectively by the enforcement agencies in the past two years upto 31-3-1986 for various offences. Of these